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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2898**  
 Kanji HATA et al. : Docket No.2000\_0351  
 Serial No. 09/534,262 : Group Art Unit 3729  
 Filed March 24, 2000 : Examiner R. Chang

COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS  
HAVING COMPONENT SUPPLY TABLES  
PROVIDED ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF A  
COMPONENT TRANSFER PATH (As Amended)

**THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 10, 2001, the period for response having been extended for three (3) months by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows (a clean set of all pending claims is presented for the Examiner's convenience):

15. (Thrice Amended) A component mounting apparatus comprising:

a pair of component supply tables for accommodating a plurality of components, said component supply tables being arranged on opposite sides of a board mounting position,